

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Office Action dated February 22, 2006, has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable claims 9-12 and 26-29.

Claims 1, 5, 9-10, 14, 18, 22, 26-27 and 34 are amended per this Response to further clarify inventive features and are not amended for the purposes of overcoming any alleged prior art. Claims 7, 8, 25 and 33 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, claims 1-6, 9-24, 26-32 and 34 are currently pending. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

In the Office Action, claims 1-3 and 18-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,175,394 B1 (to Wu et al.)(hereinafter "Wu"). Claims 4-8, 16-17, 21-25 and 32-34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Wu in view of Related Art (hereinafter "Related Art"). Claims 8, 13-14 and 30-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Wu in view of Related Art and further in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication US 2002/0057392 A1 (to Ha)(hereinafter "Ha"). Claims 15 and 32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Wu in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,072,550 (to Kim)(hereinafter "Kim"). Claims 9-12 and 26-29 have been indicated as objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The rejection of claims 1-6, 11, 13 and 15-17 is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested. Claims 1-6, 11, 13 and 15-17 are allowable over the cited references in that each of these claims recite a combination of elements including, for example, "a link line connecting the one of said pads to the thin film transistor respectively, wherein the link line is connected to a node between an outer edge of the picture display part and thin film transistor, and to an outer edge of the one of said pads near to the equipotential line." None of the cited references including Wu, singly or in any combination, teaches or suggests at least this feature of the claimed invention.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-6, 11, 13 and 15-17 are allowable over the cited references.

The rejection of claims 4-8, 16-17, 21-25 and 32-34 is further respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested. It is further respectfully noted that the related art cited by the Examiner is Applicant's own work. Specifically, the related art that the Examiner cites is commonly owned U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0032544 (to Kim et al.). The subject matter of Kim and the instant application, were, at the time the invention was made, owned by, or subject to an obligation of assignment to LG.Philips LCD Co., LTD. Therefore, the related art cited by the Examiner being Applicant's own work, is not available as prior art.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 4-8, 16-17, 21-25 and 32-34 are allowable over the cited references.

The rejection of claims 8, 13-14 and 30-31 is further respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested. It is respectfully noted that Ha cited in the rejection of claims 8, 13-14 and 30-31 is not prior art under 35 U.S.C. §103 (c) because the subject matter of the instant application and Ha were, at the time the invention was made, owned by, or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same assignee, LG Philips LCD, Co., LTD.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 8, 13-14 and 30-31 are allowable over the cited references.

The rejection of claims 18-24, 30-32 and 34 is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested. Claims 18-24, 30-32 and 34 are allowable over the cited references in that each of these claims recite a combination of elements including, for example, "a link line connecting the one of said pads to the thin film transistor respectively, wherein the link line is connected to a node between an outer edge of the picture display part and thin film transistor, and to an outer edge of the one of said pads near to the equipotential line." None of the cited references, including Wu, singly or in any combination, teaches or suggests at least this feature of the claimed invention.

Accordingly, Applicant's submit that claims 18-24, 30-32 and 34 are allowable over the cited references.

Applicants believe the foregoing remarks place the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.

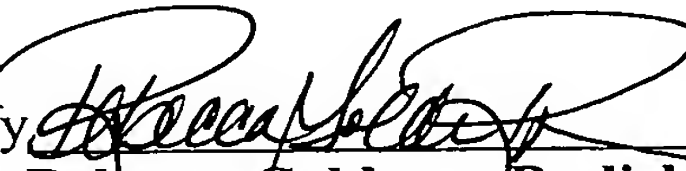
If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7463 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. *A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.*

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